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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. AT THE SECRETARY'S REQUEST, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ATHERTON CALLED ON PRINCE SAUD EVENING OF OCTOBER 1 AT
LATTER'S SUITE IN MADISON HOTEL IN WASHINGTON TO BRIEF
HIM ON THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER
MUTI EARLIER IN DAY IN NEW YORK.

2. MR. ATHERTON OBSERVED THAT IT HAD BEEN A GOOD FIRST
MEETING. MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT HAD COME OUT WAS
AN AGREEMENT ON A TENTATIVE TIMETABLE TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS. PDRY HAD SUGGESTED WE SEND A DELEGATION TO
ADEN TO PAVE THE WAY, AND WE HAD TENTATIVELY AGREED TO
DO SO IN DECEMBER WITH ANNOUNCEMENT FOR RESUMPTION OF
RELATIONS OCCURRING IN JANUARY 1976. HOWEVER, MR.

ATHERTON SAID THE SECRETARY WANTED TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR

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THAT US DID NOT WANT TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF SAUDIS.

BEFORE WE SENT ANY DELEGATION, WE WOULD WANT TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH THEM, AND WERE PREPARED TO LET FOREGOING TIMETABLE SLIP IF SAG SO ADVISED.

3. MR. ATHERTON SAID THE SECRETARY HAD ALSO USED OCCASION TO ENCOURAGE PDRY TO STOP INTERFERING IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND TO REVIEW US EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST. WHILE MUTI MADE NO COMMITMENT ON PDRY INTERFERENCE, HIS REACTION TO OUR MIDDLE EAST EFFORTS WAS BASICALLY FAVORABLE AND HE SPOKE OF PDRY'S PRESIDENT ALI'S HIGH REGARD FOR SADAT.

4. PRINCE SAUD SAID THE SECRETARY HAD MENTIONED BRIEFLY TO HIM EARLIER THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH THE PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER. HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT THE SAG'S REACTION TO THE PROPOSED TIMETABLE SOON. HE HAD TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT HE THOUGHT THE PROSPECTS FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SAG AND PDRY WERE GOOD, BUT ISSUE WAS NOT JUST PDRY'S RELATIONS WITH SAG BUT WITH ITS OTHER NEIGHBORS. THERE COULD ONLY BE RELATIONS IF THERE WAS MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S

SOVEREIGNTY AND PDRY RESPECTED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ITS NEIGHBORS. KISSINGER

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